

Leicester, Nov. 7. 1844.

Dear Mrs. Chapman,

Your kind letter of 30th ult^o. was duly received. I am altogether willing, and had quite determined, to send you ~~a~~ a copy of the letter of which you speak for publication in the "Standard". Soon after yours was received, I received a letter from my cousin S. J. May, who told me that he had spoken to you of the letter in such a way, that he thought you would ask it for publication in the "Standard". He added that he thought it would do more good, should it first appear in the "Christian World". I have written to him in reply, that I ~~had~~ had no objection to its appearance in the "World"; but that, if my recollection was right, G. G. Channing (the Editor of that paper) was present in Berry St. Vestry last February when I read that letter to my brother ministers, and, had he been willing & desirous to publish it, would have asked (probably) for its publication at that time; that, as he had not asked it, or said a word to me about it, tho' we have met repeatedly since, I did not feel very much disposed to give his paper a preference, now that the

letter had been asked, for publication, from another
quarter. I added, that as it might be that I was
mistaken in thinking G. G. B. present at the time
referred to, & as he might never have heard of such
a letter, & would be very glad to publish ^{it} ~~the letter~~,
I would not decide the matter till I had heard from him
(S. J. M.) again.

My own preference, under
existing circumstances, is for the "Standard",— as you
have so kindly thought proper to ask me. The
letter was originally written to be made public
in England, and I have regretted that it was not.
Rev. G. Armstrong of Bristol, to whom it was addressed,
thought to save me some wry looks and cold
shoulders at home by not making it public — and
so, instead, handed it about, & (as he informed me) —
sent it about by Mail, to various gentlemen — which
latter, under their system of postage whose praises can
not be too loudly said or sung, is a very easy thing,
and burdensome to nobody.

I have not forgotten my "promise", as you call it,
for the "Liberty Bell". I had forgotten that it was quite
so stringent as that. I have no other objection to

write for it, save ~~that~~, whenever I set out to write
for any such object, I can never write anything
worth publishing - i.e. I have generally found it
to be so. I will however endeavour to furnish
you with something, as soon as may be. I think
it an honorable place for any one to appear in.

By the last Steamship, I received a letter from
Rev. G. Armstrong of Bristol ^{dated Oct. 14.,} from which I make
the following extract: "There is a parcel
in preparation here for the Anti-Slavery Bazaar
at Boston; - which however cannot be
dispatched before the Nov^r. packet. I fancy
it will be consigned to the care of Messrs. Wilmer and
Smith, American agents, Liverpool."

Believe me, dear Mrs. Chapman,
With sincere respect,

Yours
Samuel May.

Mrs. M. W. Chapman.
Summer St.
Boston.

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